

**Reservoir High School Music Boosters  
Executive Board Meeting  
June 9, 2008**

**Call to Order**

President Wes Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:35. In addition to staff, approximately 20 parents were in attendance

**Minutes of the 5/12/08 Executive Board meeting**

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**Treasurer's Report**

- Anne Lee reviewed the Profit and Loss Budget Performance spreadsheet.
- The June car wash netted \$121.80. This was lower than usual because it was too hot, there were fewer kids on Rt. 216 to advertise because of the heat, and we didn't get many cars when kids weren't advertising.
- We still haven't received reimbursement from MMEA for judges' food at all state auditions in either November 2006 or 2007.
- Interest income was over \$2000 this year.

**Hot Business**

- Movie Night
  - Movie Night will be held on July 18, showing "Vantage Point" in the Atrium, but if the auditorium is available we'll use it. People are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.
  - Food will be "bring a dessert, snack, or beverage to share."
- Band Camp
  - Volunteers to provide dinners for staff at Marching Band Camp August 11-14 were signed up at the Marching Band meeting. There will be about 10-12 staff to be fed.
- Spaghetti Dinner
  - The Spaghetti Dinner has a chair, and we don't anticipate any problems getting enough volunteers.
  - Brenda Hoh suggested that we advertise the Spaghetti Dinner more broadly than just the music community.
- Critical Mouse Update
  - At 7:55 PM, a small mouse was successfully trapped in the mousetrap
  - Although emergency medical professional Rob Dice performed mouth-to-mouth and CPR, the mouse was pronounced dead at 7:59 PM
- Advertising Strategy
  - An impromptu discussion ensued about how to advertise to the broader community. Mike Kelly agreed to chair such a committee.
  - Suggestions included using the eSchool Newsletter, asking Chuck Gait to mention events in his newspaper column, asking Gina Wilson to put on the marquee out

front of the school, and submitting information to other newspapers such as the Howard County section of the Baltimore Sun, Laurel Leader, etc.

### **On the Horizon**

- Car washes
  - Leo Garcia will continue to chair.
- Dinner Raffle
  - We still need a chair. Planning needs to get underway in the early fall.
- September general Music Booster meeting
  - This will be a “Mandatory Music Department Orientation Meeting” for all parents of music department students.
  - It will be scheduled for September 15 (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of September because back-to-school night is the week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday), 7:30 in the auditorium for parents and students.
  - The directors will run the meeting and use it as an opportunity to explain what they hope to accomplish and how important parent volunteers are to helping the department to function (back to school night doesn’t allow enough time). The board will also present information, such as why we collect money and how it is used, which is summarized in the next bullet.
  - Although the music department gets a little money from the school system each year, it is substantially below their costs. For example, the bands got \$1800 last year, and “Four Scottish Dances” cost \$400. Every three years they get “growth” money of about \$10,000. The Music Boosters supplement this funding.

### **Staff Comments**

- Matt Dubbs, bands
  - Matt solicited feedback from parents about possible plans for next year’s spring trip. The directors are proposing a 3 night, 4 day cruise (Royal Caribbean) from Port Canaveral, going to Nassau and Cocoa Quay (a private island for Royal Caribbean).
  - They would leave after school on a Thursday and miss the Friday before spring break. Because the cruise would leave from Florida, the transportation costs would be comparable to going to Orlando. The room cost quote they’ve received is \$540 per student for 4 kids/room, all meals, adjudication fees, and tips. The total is likely to be \$850-\$900 compared to over \$700 for the Orlando trip 2 years ago was over \$700 (and the cost of transportation has risen substantially since then). Over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the music department went to Orlando.
  - One concern is that they may have difficulty to getting approval, although Centennial’s orchestra has taken a cruise 5 times.
  - Another concern is that the students would need passports; however, according to informal conducted by the directors, 93% of the symphonic band said they have passports, and all but 4 orchestra members have passports.
  - All parents in attendance indicated they were in favor of the trip location and none expressed any concerns about the costs

- Matt received sufficient interest from booster attendees that he will continue to look into it.
- Only 4 marching band shows are planned this year because
  - Matt dropped one show with a large registration fee that will be at the same stadium as nationals.
  - Many staff members are new, we don't have exclusive use of some of them, and they will cost more this year (because we have paid under market value for staff for the past few years) and
  - Other schools are also cutting back.
- Greg Knauf, choral
  - Nothing to add.
- Colin O'Bryan, strings
  - Orchestra boot camp Aug 11, 12, 13 from 9:00 a.m. – noon.

### **Open Discussion**

The booster closet was cleaned out. Lots of food was thrown out because mice had been in much of it, and other food and beverages had expired. Anne Lee recommended that we don't buy in bulk (because items accumulate) and that we don't store food in the closet anymore.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business before the group, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m. The next general membership meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the music suite.

Respectfully submitted,

Susannah Schiller  
Secretary, RHS Music Boosters